

Athletics at Fair

Treat For Lovers of Strenuous Sports at St. Louis

Revival of Olympian Games at Exposition will Present a Series of Contests Lasting from August 29 to September 3

St Louis, Aug. 15.—Lovers of the strenuous sports from every part of the world are gathering at St. Louis to take part in or witness the contests of world athletes in the Olympic games series, beginning at the Stadium on the World's Fair grounds on August 29. This is the most important athletic event of the times and the records made here will stand as permanent history.

Athens, the birthplace of these royal sports, revived the Olympic games eight years ago, and later at the Paris Exposition they were restored to their proper dignity as a world event. Upon the latter occasion American brawn and muscle conquered in most of the contests and the victories were brought for the first time to this side of the Atlantic.

On the World's Fair grounds in St. Louis, just as they were waged in the ancient Grecian arena, these games will be played again, Greek pitted against his Roman foe as of old, and Briton challenging the strength and prowess of the American. The Indian, the Japanese, the Filipino and half a dozen other races will be represented In these contests, and the winners of the prizes will be victors indeed.

While these sports are revived from the long ago, they are by no means to be old-fashioned. All of the contests are under the auspices of the American Athletic union, and the officials who have charge of the events were appointed by the union. Modern rules will prevail throughout all of the games.

The programme of the Olympic series follows:

Monday, Aug. 29.—Sixty-meter run; throwing the 16-pound hammer; 400- meter run; 2,590-meter steeplechase; standing broad jump; running high jump.

Tuesday, Aug. 30.—Marathon race, 40 kilometers.

Wednesday, Aug. 31.—Two hundred-meter run; putting the 16-pound shot; lifting bar bell; standing high jump; international tug-of-war (trials), teams of five men each, weight unlimited; 400-meter hurdle race.

Thursday, Sept 1.—Eight hundred-meter run; throwing 56-pound weight for distance; 200-meter hurdle race; running broad jump; running hop, step and jump; tug-of-war (final); dumb-bell competition, first section.

Saturday, Sept 3.—One hundred-meter run; throwing the discus; dumb-bell, second section; 1,500-meter run; 110-meter run; pole vault for height; three standing jumps; international team race, each country to start five men.

In connection with the above scratch events for the championship of the world, the following handicap events will be given:

Monday, Aug. 29.—One hundred and twenty-yard hurdle; running broad jump; 880-yard run; putting the 16- pound shot.

Wednesday. Aug. 31.—One mile and twenty-yard run; 220-yard hurdle; throwing the discus; throwing the 66- pound weight for distance.

Saturday, Sept. 3.—Sixty-yard run; 440-yard run; throwing the 16-pound hammer; team race, handicap, one mile, teams of four men, each man to run 440 yards.

All around dumb-bell contest—Ten sections, divided Into two divisions, five out of the ten sections each day, viz.: First day, one, two, five, seven, eight; second day, three, four, six, nine, ten. Section 1—Holding out one dumb-bell in each hand at arm's length, the bells to be started with the arm perpendicular above the head and dropped down from there to straight out at arm's length from the shoulder horizontally.

Section 2—Curling one dumb-bell in one hand. Section 3—Curling one dumb-bell in each hand at the same time. Section 4—Tossing up one dumb-bell from the ground to the shoulder with one hand. Section 5— Tossing up one dumb-bell in one hand from the ground to arm's length above the shoulders in one motion without stopping at the shoulder. Section 6— Pushing up slowly one dumb-bell with one hand from the shoulder to arm's length above the shoulder. Section 7—Jerking up one dumb-bell with one hand from the shoulder to arm's length above the shoulder. Section 8—Pushing up slowly one dumb-bell in each hand from the shoulder to arm's length above the shoulder.